



## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 144

April 1, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives J. OTT, KREMER, T. LARSON, THIESFELDT, KNODL, BERNIER, HUTTON, MURTHA, MURPHY and NERISON, cosponsored by Senators DARLING and VUKMIR. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 118.045 (1); and **to create** 118.045 (4) of the statutes; **relating**  
2     **to:** the commencement of fall classes in public schools.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill creates an exception to the general prohibition against a public school beginning the school term before September 1. The exception is for a school board of a school district in which more than 20 percent of the high school students took at least one advanced placement exam.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3     **SECTION 1.** 118.045 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     118.045 (1) Except as provided in subs. (2) and, (3), and (4), beginning in the  
5     year 2000, no public school may commence the school term until September 1.  
6     **SECTION 2.** 118.045 (4) of the statutes is created to read:  
7     118.045 (4) (a) In this subsection, “advanced placement participation rate”  
8     means the percentage of pupils in grades 9 to 12 in a school district who took at least

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**SECTION 2**

1 one advanced placement program examination during the most recent school year  
2 for which certified data is available from the department.

3 (b) A school board may commence the school term before September 1 in a  
4 school year if, on December 31 of the immediately preceding school year, the school  
5 district's advanced placement participation rate is more than 20 percent.

6 (END)